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DESCRIPTION

OF A

STONE KNIFE

FOUND AT KINGSTON, N. H.

BY F. W. PUTNAM.

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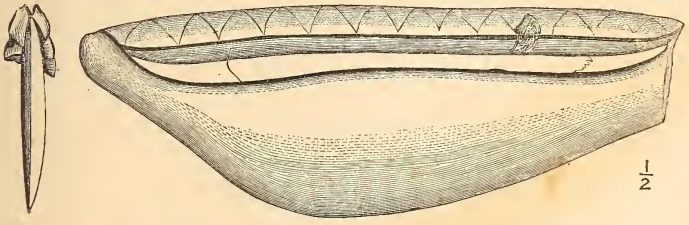
Mr. PUTNAM stated that since the Amesbury Field Meeting he had received from Capt. J. A. Greely, of Amesbury, a drawing of an Indian knife which differed in details somewhat from any that he had mentioned in a former communication to the Institute (see p. 111). This knife was said by Capt. Greely to be made of "red slate." It is nearly perfect, one end only being broken off, as shown in the figure. Allowing for this missing



Knife made of "red slate" from Kingston, New Hampshire. One-half natural size. Side view and section.

fragment the knife was about seven inches long; the back is three-quarters of an inch deep and the blade about one and one-half inches. The thickness of the blade in the centre is about three-tenths of an inch. The peculiar workmanship of the back, as shown in the section, in the form of a series of uneven knobs, was probably intended to give firmness to the hold when grasped by the hand. This specimen was found in a sand deposit near Kingston Falls, Kingston, New Hampshire. The figure, which is from the drawing of Capt. Greely, represents the knife of half its size.

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